Election of the Municipal Body at Belgaum.

* Q.—535. Sri V. S. PATIL (Belgaum).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the period of the Municipal Body at Belgaum expired; and

(*b*) whether any elections have been held and if not ;

(*c*) the reason therefor?

A.—Sri K. PUTTASWAMY (Minister for Municipal Administration).—

(*a*) It expired on 21-2-1962.

(*b*) No elections have been held to the Municipality.

(*c*) *Reasons for not holding the Election.*—

The Municipality requested to extend the term of the Municipality for one year from 21-2-1962 stating that:

(i) the existing wards of the Municipality require reconstitution on the basis of the population of 1961 Census ;

(ii) the existing reservations of seats for Harijans and Ladies have to be rectified taking into consideration their present strength.

(iii) The General Elections both of the Assembly and Parliament (are to be) held in the month of February 1961 and that if the Municipal Elections are held at the same time, there would be great confusion and would affect adversely on the result of the elections.

With a view to examine the request of the Municipality for reconstitution of the wards, the elections have not been held.

Chronic Drought areas in the State and aid relief measures schemed by the Central Government.

* *Q.*—537. Sri N. A. KARILINGANNAVAR (Gokak-I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Central Government has proposed any Scheme to develop the oft visiting scarcity areas in Mysore, Madras and Andhra States by way of providing ample irrigation facilities of power supply to have lift irrigation schemes and other irrigation schemes ;

(*b*) whether this Government has received the copy of Scheme ;

(*c*) if so, the decision taken by the Government in that behalf ;

(*d*) whether they will lay a copy of the said Schemes on the Table of the House ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The question of preparing a comprehensive Scheme for development of the chronic drought affected areas in the State as a measure of permanent relief is under consideration.